Prices of Penicillin and Refampicin

2576. SHRI MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
SHRI MOOLCHAND VERMA:

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Industrial Cost and Prices have recommended for the reduction in prices of Penicillin, Refampicin and other essential drugs;

(b) whether the prices of Penicillin and Refampicin have, on the other hand, been increased recently; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FETILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir. BICP recommended reduction in the price of Pot. Pen. G First Crystal and Rifampicin.

(b) The price of bulk drug Rifampicin has been reduced from Rs. 5695/Kg. to Rs. 5220/ kg. on 12-06-95. The price of bulk drug Pot. Pen. G. Ist Crystal has been increased from Rs. 1021/BU toRs. 1025/BU on 15-02-95.

(c) The Bureau of Industrial Costs and Prices while making its recommendations had not provided for the higher 4% return which is applicable for drugs manufactured from the basic stage. This additional return has been prescribed in the modifications in Drug Policy. With this additional rate of return the price of Pot. Pen. G. Ist Crystal was fixed at Rs. 1025/ BU.

Liability in respect of Combiflam

2577. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) when did Carews complied with Government fixed price and upto what period the liability against them have been worked out in respect of Combiflam;

(b) whether it is a fact that the liability for the balance period has not been worked out;

(c) when the company-belonged to UB group and how could they start as a small scale sector unit;

(d) whether any investigaion was held and if so, the results thereof; and

(e) by when the full liability against this company is likely to be worked out?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) (b) and (e) price of Combiflam (10's pack) indicated in price lists received from M/s. Carews as also in other published literature suggest that the company is following the price fixed by the Government, from time to time, from 1989 onwards, Consequently, liability against the company has been worked out for the period from 5-11-1986 to 31-12-1988.

(c) and (d) The matter regarding small scale status of M/s. Carews is subjudice.

Project for the Development of Biofertilizers in Bihar

2578. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched any Central project for the development and use of biofertilizers in the State of Bihar in the recent past;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what action Government propose to take to promote the use of biofertilizers in Bihar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) For the development and use of Biofertilizers in the State of Bihar, Department of Agriculture and Cooperation under Central Sector Scheme 'National Project on Development and Use of Biofertilizer' has released an amount of Rs. 9.81 lakhs during 1993-94 to Government of Bihar for setting up of a Biofertilizer Production Unit by M/s Pyrites Phosphates & Chemicals Limited at Amjhore District Rohtas.

Loss of Receipt Books of DDA

2579. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state: